

The Hanson-RSPB Wetland Project – Spring 2009 Update

The Hanson - RSPB partnership continues in its ambitious project to restore the working quarry, north of Over village, to a nationally important wetland nature reserve of reedbeds, open water and grasslands. With neighbouring sites at Berry Fen and Barleycroft Lake near Bluntisham, the project will in time create Ouse Fen nature reserve. The recession has inevitably had an impact on quarry production but we are confident that business and wildlife will survive and make the best of the current climate.

2008 saw the completion by Hanson of land forming in the fourth mere adding another 10ha to the 45ha of reedy wetland in varying stages of development. Nearly twenty thousand reed seedlings were planted in the third mere and continued progress was made with earthworks in the fifth and sixth phases. RSPB management continuing in the first two meres is focused on expanding the spread of reeds and controlling the very large numbers of self-sown willows.

The bittern, one of Britain's rarest breeding birds, and the species for which the project hopes to play a major role in protecting is now seen annually. The first mere received a visit by one of these enigmatic birds for a couple of days

Parish Plan Progress Report

The Willingham Action Group (WAG) continues to make progress on the delivery of the Willingham Parish Plan; at a slower pace than we would like but this is inevitable given the targets we have set ourselves. It is also now clear that if we are to make progress on improving our quality of life then we the residents have to put energy into this process; but more on that later.

The Action Plan has now been deposited with the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) the organisation charged with reviewing and helping to deliver Parish Plans. Members



last autumn and another was seen in scrub at Barleycroft Lake during the ice over, no doubt waiting for the thaw.

On the open water this winter, large numbers of wigeon and teal roosted with lapwing and golden plover surrounding them on the muddy margins. Flocks of meadow pipit and skylark ranged across the site gleaning seed from amongst the restored grassy swards with linnets and corn buntings in the rougher quarry grasslands. It has been especially rewarding to see two short-eared owls regularly hunting over the rough grassy margins, silent and deadly if you're a vole. Not seen to this extent previously,

> their small mammal prey appear to be increasing in the developing grasslands, another small sign of progress.

With breeding herons and lapwings displaying around the wider reserve, we begin to look forward to what other wildlife delights the spring and summer will offer. If you'd

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of WAG attended the last meeting of the LSP to establish contact and to see how it operates. We will meet with officers of the LSP soon to get support in dealing with the relevant authorities and report back to you on progress.

Members of WAG also attended the last meeting of the police panel held at Willingham School. These meetings were set up as a way in which local residents can influence police priorities and are open to all residents. They are not well attended, but clearly the police are aware of the issues in Willingham and agreed that one of the priorities for the next 3 months is antisocial behaviour and criminal activity in Willingham, Over and Swavesey, but with a focus on Willingham. It was clear that the police want to improve relationships with residents and to try to address their concerns, albeit within resource constraints. One way we can help ourselves is to ensure that all incidents are reported and we continue to make use of the contacts on offer.

One of the major concerns highlighted in the Parish Plan was speeding traffic through the village, with nearly 90% of

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April 2009



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The next issue: Please send material to the following email address: willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk, and, if possible, send your copy as an email attachment NOT incorporated into the email. Paper copy can be left at the library. Please note that the deadline is **10 April.**

Police Contacts: 08454 564564 The email of our PCSO Diana Neill is diana.neill@cambs.pnn.police.uk





From the Parish Council

New Parish Councillors

Willingham Parish Council welcome two new co-opted members of the Council: Councillor H Berry and Councillor R Foster. Their contact details are below.

Cemetery Water Tap

The post that was rotten on the water tap in the Cemetery has now been replaced with a much sturdier model. This will make things easier when trying to obtain water for flowers.

New PCSO for Willingham

Diane Neill is the new PCSO for Willingham, she has replaced Dominic Pingernea. Diane is approachable and hopes to be able to talk to many villagers to build up a rapport. Sargeant Rogerson has stated that they are aiming for a higher police presence in the village, especially as nationwide there has been a considerable increase in burglaries. Any incident must be reported to the Police, as this will impact on the local police policy for Willingham.

Youth Matters

Progress is slow, but it is being made. Meetings have been held between the youth worker and young

Your Parish Councillors and their contact details (in alphabetical order) are:-

Mr J Anderson	01954-203344
(Planning Committee Chair)	
Mr H Berry	01954-204575
Mr M Borland	01954-203347
Mr J Burnett	01954-270338
Mrs K Cornwell	01954-261530
Mrs P Daniels	01954-260505
(Council Vice-Chair)	
Mr R Foster	01954-261293
Mr P King	01954-260780
(Council Chair)	
Mr B Kirkman	01954-260393
(Green & Boundaries Committee Ch	air)
Mr R Manning	01954-261235
(also Leader of the District Council)	
Mr S Mellows	01954-270063
Mrs R Mumford	01954-260934
(Halls Committee Chair)	
Mr G Pake	01954-260534
(Cemetery Committee Chair)	
Mr C Stephens	01954-260396
Mr J Watson	01954-200245
(Leisure & Amenities Committee Ch	air)

Willingham people after school. The Parish Council have offered the Ploughman Hall as a venue for youth to meet once a week. A time and day need to be established and resources met before this can be carried out. Please look in the next edition of the *Willingham News* for an update.

Council Tax

Council tax will be increasing by 4.5%, still significantly lower than any other local District Council and in the lowest 15 nationally.

Cambridge Congestion Charge

The District Council has come out firmly against the congestion charge and will be providing evidence to the Transport Commission.

Willingham Parish Council Website

Please do look at our Parish Council website for items such as contact details, agendas and minutes. Any information relevant to the village will be posted on the website.

If you have any ideas about information you would like to see on our website, please contact the Clerk.

Committee Meeting dates

Go to the Parish Council Website (www.willinghampc.org.uk), or look at the Parish notice board next to the Public Hall in the High Street or Library notice board for details of any Committee meetings that may be called.

All Committee meetings are at the Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall unless otherwise advertised. As usual, Minutes of all meetings will be placed in the Library once they have been signed as accurate.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday, 1 April, 7 30 pm at the Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road. It is open to the public.

Parish Council Office Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. Tel. 01954 261027 email@willinghampc.org.uk Clerk: Mr Colin Brown Deputy Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge

The Office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10 00 am to 1 00 pm, except Bank Holidays. Appointments can be made by calling the Office. There is an answerphone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.

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like to join the Warden to find out more, our programme of guided walks runs from May to August (see below for more details or ring or request an events leaflet).

If you want to look for yourself, there are views from the paths along Cuckoo Drove, Long Drove and Long Holme Drove, north of Over village. Regrettably, the continuing problem of fly tipping remains an issue adjacent these public rights of way and something we hope to discourage. Local people can assist by reporting any fly tipping to South Cambridgeshire District Council Environment Health Department.

If you'd like to get involved more directly, our twicemonthly practical conservation work parties are on the second Saturday and third Wednesday of the month. For further details on events, volunteering or further information please contact us at the address below.

Hanson-RSPB Wetland Project guided walks programme:

- Sundays: 31 May; 28 June, 26 July, 30 August at 4 00 - 6 30 pm. Booking essential - call 01954 233260 Adults £4, RSPB members £2, children £1
- A guided walk at **Mare Fen** has been organised by the county council on Wednesday 15 April. Meet at the entrance gate on Over Road, Swavesey for 10 oo am. This free event will end around noon. There are no parking facilities here – please walk from Over or Swavesey.

The new events programme for **Fen Drayton Lakes** is now available – you can collect one from the information trailer at the Holywell Lake car park at weekend, or the box on the viewing screen at the Elney Lake car park. The events in April all start in Holywell Lake car park, and are as follows:

- 10th 2 00 4 00 pm *Build A Nest* family event please book. Learn about nests, then be a bird and make one £2 per child (£1 RSPB Wildlife Explorers), adults free
- 12th 10 00 -12 30 pm *Welcome back the warblers* - guided walk - please book. £4 (£2 RSPB members, children half price)
- 13th noon- 4 00 pm *Nature Detectives* family event. Follow some clues on a trail, and solve a mystery. £2 per child (£1 RSPB Wildlife Explorers), adults free
- 21st 8 00 10 00 am *Birdsong for beginners* guided walk- please book. £4 (£2 RSPB members, children half price)

Chris Hudson, RSPB Warden, Hanson–RSPB Wetland Project and Ouse Fen Tel: 01954 233265 e-mail: chris.hudson@rspb.org.uk www.rspb.org.uk The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SCO37654

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Fen Edge Archaeology Group

We are a new group who welcome members from Willingham, Rampton, Cottenham and Waterbeach. Through talks and activities we hope to learn a lot about archaeology and also get out in the field, surveying and digging. We have so far had talks about archaeological work in Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Skye, particularly about work that can be done by amateurs. The group have had walks around Willingham and Rampton in order to view the evolution of the settlements, but we have much more work to do on this. Come and join us! We will be undertaking activities at the Fen Edge Festival in Cottenham on the weekend of 19 to 21 June. Please visit us in the culture tent in the village green. On Sunday 5 July there is a planned visit to Castle Rising and Castle Acre in Norfolk.

We would welcome people from Willingham who would like to join us.

Please contact Glynis for further information. Email gp105@cam.ac.uk

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> Marina Deller 260045 or Angela Allin 202439





Willingham Medical Practice

52 Long Lane, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5LB Reception Tel: 01954 260230 Dispensary Tel: 01954 260073

Longstanton Branch Surgery, Magdalene Close, Longstanton. Tel: 01954 207600

Lab test results Please remember that it is your responsibility to ring for the results of your laboratory specimens and blood tests. Due to the volume of specimens we send to the labs each day it would be impossible for us to contact all patients routinely.

New dispenser Welcome to Karen Isaacson who has recently joined our dispensing team. She will be working mainly at Longstanton branch surgery but will be at Willingham on Monday mornings.

Repeat Prescription Requests If you are in a hurry and don't want to wait in a queue to order your medicines you can leave your request slip in the **Repeat Medication Request Box** which is situated on the ledge outside the pharmacy door at Willingham or on the Reception Desk at Longstanton. Alternatively you can post your request slip through the letter box at either surgery, or **ring 01954 260073**.

Emergency appointments These are intended for use when you consider that your medical condition means you need to see a doctor on the same day. If in doubt please ask reception who can advise if a nurse or the pharmacist can help, or arrange a telephone appointment with a doctor. If you attend for an emergency appointment there may be a long wait and you will not be able to see the doctor of your choice. **Please remember there is no 'drop-in' session after morning surgery**.

Willingham Gardening Club

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the Willingham Social Club, Fen End, and start at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a subject of interest to gardeners and plant lovers. Meetings on average last about one and a half hours and there is a plant raffle.

The Club welcomes new members. We are a group of people with an interest in plants and gardening. If you are a plant lover/enthusiast or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us to see whether you want to join. In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and places of interest and there is also usually an annual Club holiday in May.

Contact Celia on 01954 261394 or just turn up to a meeting to view or to join.

CAMTAD (Cambridge Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness) will be visiting Willingham Surgery on **Wednesday 15 April 2 00-4 00pm**. NHS hearing aid maintenance and NHS batteries exchanged. Advice and information on environmental aids given. **Free service with no appointment needed**.

Physiotherapy appointments We are allocated only two NHS physiotherapy sessions per week by the Health Authority. Resources are limited and unfortunately there is a waiting list for appointments. If you no longer need your physio appointment please let the surgery know in plenty of time so that someone else can benefit. If you would prefer to be seen quicker and are prepared to pay we can give details of local private physiotherapists.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

Willingham Pharmacy Opening hours

Monday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 30pm – 6 30pm
Tuesday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 6 00pm
Wednesday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 7 00pm
Thursday	8 30am – 1 00pm	CLOSED from
		1 00pm
Friday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 6 30pm

Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday 6 April - Margaret Waddy will speak to us about 'Growing from seeds, cuttings and grafting.' This item was postponed from the February meeting due to the bad weather.

REMINDERS

The annual Club holiday balances are due to be paid at the April meeting.

The Club AGM will be held at the April meeting.

The annual Club plant stall sale will be held on Saturday 23 May so members and other contributors who grow bedding plants - please remember this when sowing your seeds. Proceeds go to a charity.

The first outing is to Penshurst Place and Gardens in Kent on Saturday 9 May. The main pick up point will be the Green, Willingham. The inclusive cost is £19 person.

The start time will be published in the next issue.

Willingham Wolves U16's

In the days since those wispy white snowflakes drifted down, the Wolves' fixtures have slipped and slithered all over the place. Two matches did, however, gain sufficient grip to take place.

In the first, eighty spectators saw Histon Academy defeat Willingham by two goals to nil in the semi-final of the Pye Cup. Maybe next time! The second match pitched the Wolves against Hundon Hawks in the semifinal of the League Cup. On a day memorable for high winds and close encounters, Willingham scored the lone goal mid-way through the second half. The way to the final was paved.

Willingham Wolves U16's are managed by Dean Greygoose.

Squad members are: Nicky Bell, Jamie Bovey, Jake Cotton, Ben Duncan, Nathan Flatley, Jamie Greygoose, Connor Hall, Kai Majerus, Jack Matthews, Tom Moffat, Ollie Montique, Adam Nunn, Luke Parkinson, Paul Scott, Ben Smith, Dan Stopher and Thijs Wolf.

Steve Moffat



Red Nose Fayre

1st Willingham Beaver & Cub Scouts would like to thank everyone who came along and supported us and made our evening such a success.

We raised £524.02 for Comic Relief.

Winners for the night were:Guess the Weight of the Wellie – Oliver Brazier; Name the Edam – Harry Wolton-Carr; How many Baked Beans – Libby Coulson; Horsey Hoppers –Keelan Wright, Tilly Allen, Georgia Allen; Moving Baked Beans –Nora Matine, Lauren Rowney, Callum Rowney, Jess Llewellyn; Tallest sugar tower – Alessia Oliva, Taylor Squires, Hannah Brazier, Liv Armitage; Whose up for a laugh sweepstake – Jamie Marriot.

Crossword set by Willow



Across

- 1 Basic grant to first class intellectual (11)
- 9 Restored rambling tavern keeping old English doorstop (9)
- 10 End up being mine (3)
- 11 Meal with penny off's great (5)
- 13 In general, worn for doing dirty work? (7)
- 14 Female fish gets bearing right with antenna (6)
- 15 Secret ending is out finally (6)
- 18 Endlessly mull over case of old back trouble (7)
- 20Get riled about lazy fellow? (5)
- 21 Knock one off age (3)
- 22Forbid first child going off alone to Spanish city (9)
- 24 Mate's cool company (11)

Down

- 2 Some of your narcissi can be put into vase (3)
- 3 Grieved about dissent (7)
- 4 Head nurse gets chap to keep up oral rehydration therapy (6)
- 5 Dig decomposed dung into earth (5)
- 6 Artist is in shock review (9)
- 7 Disappointed about holiday lost (11)
- 8 Being anti-ritual I deal with down-to-earth stuff (11)
- 12 Reportedly knew Naomi to be troubled with lung disease (9)
- 16 Hangs around with Liberal having upset Tories (7)
- 17 Run on the links (6)
- 19 A mountain's principally part of range (5)
- 23 French agreement on union improbable initially (3)

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TABLE TOP SALE RAMPTON VILLAGE HALL Saturday 2 May 2009, 10 00 - !2 00 noon Your opportunity to sell unwanted items Coffee and home made cakes will be available Table tops £5 To book you table call Muriel Neal on 01954 250714

Letters to the Editor

HELP PLEASE

Dear Neighbour,

I am sorry to report that the Octagon Hall at the back of the St Mary and All Saints, Parish Church has been broken into recently.

Several local groups use the hall and the damage resulted in the underfives music group being unable to use the hall.

The church and hall are a valuable resource for the village and we would be sad to have to keep the church locked but we may need to do this if there are more attacks.

This is not the only incident in the village and the police (at the request of the Parish Council) are treating Willingham crime reports as high priority.

We would be very grateful if you would keep an eye out and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Kind regards,

Gillian and Steve (churchwardens)



Willingham News Delivery

We are looking for someone who is able to deliver *Willingham News* monthly in Haden Way, starting with the next edition which will be delivered at the beginning of May.

Please contact Phil King on 260780 if you think you can help.



jackie.rooks@googlemail.com or 07760 227970 or contact Jackie for more information.

Nigel joins a Band of Brothers in aid of Help for Heroes

Willingham resident Nigel Leaney is facing a 350 mile cycle ride as he gears up to take part in the Help for Heroes Band of Brother Bike Ride.

Nigel, 44, is a Computer Consultant with Dell and a Safer Cycling Instructor at Willingham Primary School, but on May 24 he will be starting out from Portsmouth with 300 others, including a team from DMRC Headley Court - The Medical Rehabilitation Centre for all UK Armed

Forces, in order to raise money for Help for Heroes. The group leave Portsmouth for Cherbourg on

Sunday 24 May. Cycling along the sites of the D-Day landings, visiting Sainte-Mère-Église, Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc, Arromanches, Pegasus Bridge and Falaise then heading inland from Caen to Paris as the allies did 65 years ago when they liberated France. They'll lay a wreath at the Arc de Triomphe and finish at the Eiffel Tower on Friday 29 May.

Help for Heroes provides practical direct support to those servicemen and women wounded in the line of duty in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

'This is by far the furthest I've ever cycled', says Nigel. 'I've taken part in the London to Brighton ride a couple of times but that was some years ago now and I didn't have to get up the following morning and do it all over again! There's going to have to be some serious training involved to get myself ready for this trip!'



'I've been watching a lot of the recent television coverage of the conflict in Afghanistan and it really hit home. My Father and Uncle both served with the Parachute Regiment during WWII and another Uncle in the Marines took part in the D-Day landings. I felt I wanted to do something to show my support and this Help for Heroes challenge just seemed to be the right thing to do.'

Nigel is well known around Willingham for his fundraising efforts for Willingham School Association, helping to organise Willingham's Annual Fun Run and he is hoping the local community will support him in his cycling challenge, even if it's only to see him in Lycra!

Fundraising is in its early days as Nigel's place on the ride has only just been confirmed. 'My target of £2000 is almost as challenging as the ride itself! I hope that as many people in the area as possible can sponsor me, as well as my friends, family and colleagues at work.'

You can sponsor Nigel by visiting his online fundraising page on http://www.justgiving.com/ nigelleaney. You can pay by credit or debit card, and the money will go directly to Help for Heroes. Where supporters are UK taxpayers, the charity will automatically receive 28% extra in Gift Aid, which makes Justgiving the most efficient way of sponsoring Nigel.

Pastoral Letter

Eggs-eptional or what?

I purchased a jigsaw puzzle a little while ago, and it's called Imperial Egg Collection by Peter Carl Faberge. It's a double-sided oval jigsaw puzzle depicting the Imperial Rosebud Egg created by Faberge in 1895, and was a gift to Tsarina Alexandra Feodorovna from Tsar Nicholas II. Adorned with gold laurel wreathes, diamond studded ribbons and cupid arrows, the egg opens to reveal a yellow and green enamelled rosebud from which it takes its name.

On the reverse of the jigsaw the Imperial 15th Anniversary egg is depicted, and once again this was presented by Tsar Nicholas II to his wife Tsarina Feodorovna at Easter 1911. This egg commemorates the 15th Anniversary of Nicholas II's accession to the throne and is set with painted miniatures of the Imperial couple, their five children and major events during the Tsar's reign.

These are just two of the 56 eggs created for Tsars, a further 12 for a wealthy Russian industrialist, one each for the Duchess of Marlborough and a Russian Prince.

Today these are to be found in the priceless collections of some of the world's richest people, including that of Queen Elizabeth II. One of the original eggs was recently valued at ± 16 million pounds by Sotherby's.

We often think about eggs - the chocolate variety - at Easter; but why eggs? Eggs are a promise of new life.

Eggs have remarkable properties - they're the perfect shape to protect the emerging life inside, and they contain everything inside them that the new life needs. Many baby animals that grow inside eggs are born with a special 'egg tooth' so that they can chip their way out when the time is right.

Eggs have to be broken before the life can emerge.

In the giving and receiving eggs at Easter we are reminded of the first Easter story when Jesus died on the cross of Calvary to pay our debt of sin, and His rising again on Easter morning. In rising from death and coming out of the tomb Jesus promises us new life.

The tomb could not hold Jesus, for God's power was at work there to bring Him resurrection life. It was a place of transformation.

The seal at the entrance of the tomb had to be broken to prove once and for all he had conquered death and sin.

May Easter this year be for you an 'eggs-eptional eggs-perience'.

Major Marian Lewis The Salvation Army



Annual Honeypot Trundle

The Annual Honeypot Trundle will this year be on Saturday 9 May 10 00 am -12 00 noon, at Willingham Primary School. For those of you who are unaware, the Trundle is a small fete which includes; a BBQ, plant, cake and other goods stalls, games and a bouncy castle. There is also the highlight of watching and encouraging the Honeypot children complete up to 20 small laps of the school playground on their bikes, scooters, skipping, running (by whatever method they prefer on the day!)

Everyone is welcome, not just those associated with Honeypot and we look forward to seeing you there!



The Honeypot Committee

April 2009

Willingham News



Parish Church

Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time. Bubbles is for preschool children



accompanied by parents or carers. It offers time to meet others and be creative. It is held in the Octagon from 10 00 to 11 15 am.

Coffee Stop Every Tuesday morning from 10 00 to 11 30 am you are welcome to drop in to the Octagon for coffee or tea and a chat. There is no formality: just walk in. Cakes The cake stall in April will be as usual on the first Saturday – Saturday 4 April. It begins at 10 00 am, but it's wise to get there early as the cakes sell pretty quickly. Bric-a-brac Rene Gould's bric-abrac stall continues at 19 Fen End and is well worth a visit – as a buyer or a seller.

Proceeds from the Cake Stall and the Bric-a-brac stall go to the Restoration Fund, which is particularly important now, as urgent repairs are needed to the North Aisle Roof of the church.

Baptist Matters

We've set the date!

Baptist Church Holiday Club for primary school children 27 July – 2 August, at the school, 10 00 am – 12 30 pm. Contact Rev Trevor Rowe on 261193, Richard Sanders on 200708 or Debbie Jackman on 261195 for further details. **Bumps and Babies** meets on Thursday morning from 10 00 to 11 30 am in the rear hall of the Baptist Church during term time. This is a chance for new and expectant parents to meet up for a chat and a coffee while the babies play. Do come along and join us. **TOPS** meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 45 to 11 15 am in the Baptist Church during term time. This meeting is for children aged 18 months to 3 years, with their parents/carers, for fun activities and refreshments. Please come along and join us.

Open Door Come for coffee (or tea) and a chat on Thursday mornings in the Baptist Church from 10 00 to 11 30 am. All welcome.



Rock Solid A youth group every Tuesday during term time from 6 30 to 8 00 pm for anyone in years 6 – 9. A fun packed evening of games, quizzes, discussions and a tuck shop. Please come and join us. **Kids' Friday Club** A kids' club on a Friday for all those currently in primary school. Come along from 6 30 to 7 30 pm for crafts, games, stories, quizzes, music, puppets and much more.

Salvation Army Coffee and Fellowship

Morning every Monday 10 30 – 12 00 noon, except Bank Holidays



Come along and enjoy a time of friendship and fellowship over a cup of coffee. All welcome.

Craft Club Monday every Monday 2 00 – 4 00 pm, except Bank Holidays. Come and share your craft interest with others and enjoy a cup of tea and friendship **Luncheon Club**. Meets every week on Thursday at 12 30 pm To book a place: Tel. Daphne on 01954 260568

Over 60's Friendship Club every Thursday 2 00 – 3 00 pm. Each week we share items of

topical interest and have a cup of tea. All welcome.

For further information please contact Major Marian Lewis on 01480 386593, email Marian.Lewis@salvationarmy.org.uk or Gordon 01954 260066

Willingham Women's Institute

Open meeting – 20 April

The April meeting of Willingham WI will be on Monday 20 April at 7 30 pm in the Social Club, Fen End. The speakers will be the well known local personality and journalist, Christopher South, accompanied by Janet South, whose subject is 'Snap Out of It'. This will be an open meeting and everyone is welcome. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale, with proceeds going to the Tsunami Appeal.

This would be an excellent opportunity for those who might like to try the WI out for the first time to come along and join us.



April 2009



WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET www.willinghambaptist.org

5 April

10 00 am	Rev Trevor Rowe
	(Communion)
6 00 pm	Easter Celebration
10 April -	Good Friday
10 00 am	Service at St Mary's
	followed by a Walk of
	Witness around the village
12 April -	Easter Sunday
10 00 am	Rev Trevor Rowe
6 00 pm	Rev Trevor Rowe
19 April	
9 00 am	Keith Rawlinson
10 45 am	All - Age Service at Primary
	School
6 00 pm	Rev Trevor Rowe
26 April	
10 00 am	Rev Trevor Rowe
6 00 pm	Bob Earl (Communion)

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM www.willinghamchurch.org

5 April PALM SUNDAY8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)11 00 am All Age Service

Mothers Union

Our next monthly meeting will be held in the Octagon on Monday 27 April at 2 30 pm. Our speaker will be Rev. Hilary Cheng talking about 'Relationships'. Don't forget the Bring and Buy stall. We welcome any newcomers to the village. Transport can be arranged.

10 April GOOD FRIDAY

10 00 am	Service in Churchx
10 30 am	Churches Together March
	of Witness
11 00 am	United Service on Village
	Green
12 April E	ASTER DAY
11 00 am	Family Communion
6 00 pm	Evensong
19 April	
11 00 am	Parish Communion
26 April	
8 00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
11 00 am	All Age Service with Baptism

There is a **prayer meeting** on the **last** Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In **April: 24th**). During the interregnum there is a special time for prayer in the sacristy on the first Saturday morning of each month. (In **April: 4th**).

Children are welcome at all our 11am services. On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, there are activities for primary school age children, and for younger children there is a crèche. On 2nd and 4th Sundays we have activities in the Church Service. 'Fidget Bags' are available for use in the pews.

If you know of anyone who is ill, or who for some other reason would like a visit, please let Gillian Macnaghten know (01954 261817).

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

5 April	
5 00 pm	Sunday Worship for Palm
	Sunday
12 April	
5 00 pm	Sunday Worship for Easter
	Day
19 April	
5 00 pm	Sunday Worship
26 April	
5 00pm	Sunday Worship

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

19 Needingworth Road, St Ives www.sacredheart-stives.org

Saturday

5 00 pm (Anticipatory) Sunday 8 00 am and 11 00 am

Churches Together praying for the people of Willingham and Rampton

In the second full week in each month the Churches in Willingham and Rampton will be praying for the people who live in a particular area of the village. In April this is Green Street, Haden Way, High Street and Jeeps Close.

Coffee for CAMREAD

Drop in at 14 George Street on **Friday 3 April** for coffee and biscuits between 10 30 and 11 30 am – and make a donation to CAMREAD.

(CAMREAD is a recording and visiting service for blind and visually impaired people in Cambridge. It produces eight times a year a taped magazine, *CamMag*, which goes to about 400 people.)

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replies expressing concern. Whilst the police have plans to continue target area operations for offending motorists they are unlikely to set up speed-traps in Willingham. However, there is an opportunity to help ourselves. The police are offering to train and equip residents with 'Speedwatch', equipment that displays the actual speed of individual cars, so operators can inform the police of offending motorists who will receive an official police warning. If an area is shown to have a particular problem or continual offenders then the police will take action.

We know this is not ideal and many of you want the police to take action not residents. We can complain and shout all we want but nothing will happen unless we help ourselves. If you want to help to reduce the speed of traffic in our village by volunteering for 'Speedwatch' or you would just like some more information then email reg.purnell@ntlworld.com or telephone 260241. For those concerned about the reaction of speeding motorists, the police will be on call for incidents and volunteers will not be financially responsible for the equipment.

The other traffic related matter in the Parish Plan was the number of HGVs that pass through the village and the need for a bypass. You will have seen from the Parish Council report in the March edition of Willingham News that the County Council had commissioned a report on the need for a bypass. We will try to obtain a copy of the report for later editions of the News. It is interesting that Stagecoach deem the B1050 unsafe for buses yet the County Council deem it safe for 42 tonne articulated lorries.

Turning Yellow Pages green

When new Yellow Pages directories hit South We will be having a net practice at Hills Road Sixth Form householders will be able to recycle their old ones using April from 9 00 am to 10 30 am. South Cambridgeshire District Council's (SCDC) green box kerbside collection.

Until now, high ink concentrations have meant that Yellow Pages were hard to recycle, but a reduction in the colour ink wash intensity has made recycling much easier.

SCDC's contractors can now turn Yellow Pages green by recycling them into high quality newsprint.

In 2007/08, South Cambridgeshire residents sent over 4,900 tonnes of paper for recycling. The average Yellow Pages weighs in at a hefty 1.5 kilograms, so, if every household recycles their old directory through their green box, SCDC could potentially recycle an additional 88 tonnes of paper this year.

Cllr Sue Ellington, environmental services portfolio holder said, 'We'd like to encourage as many households as possible to recycle their Yellow Pages through their green box collection. Thanks to the dedication of our householders, South Cambridgeshire is one of the top recyclers in the country, so I'm sure that we will get a great response.'

At the start of this report we suggested that in some instances we need to help ourselves in order to deliver some of the Plan outcomes. This is particularly so for parking. In the questionnaire many of you expressed concern about the increased risk of accidents caused by parked cars, particularly in the vicinity of the Primary School. The action suggested was for the Primary School to encourage parents not to deliver or collect children by car. In fact the Head Teacher has already done this on a number of occasions and has also instigated a review of road safety. We must remember that the safety of our children concerns us all and not leave it to others. We can all help to make our children safer by heeding the advice in the school newsletter. The improving weather over the next few months could provide an opportunity to walk to school rather than drive.

Not all the Plan was about traffic and relationships with elected bodies. It was recognised that social improvements can also improve our quality of life and the last issue of the Willingham News outlined some ways forward. Since then it has emerged that the revival of the Willingham Beer Festival may be a possibility. There has also been good interest in starting a cycling club which would operate on two levels, social and serious. The social side would involve a 20-30 mile round trip with a pub meal/picnic on route while the serious side would involve greater distance. If you are interested in taking part in the cycling then you should contact Jackie, email jackie.rooks@googlemail.com or call 07760 227970. There will be a meeting at 8 pm in the Duke of Wellington on 7 April to discuss the first outing for all interested. Please let Jackie know if you are coming to the meeting so we can cater for the correct numbers.

Willingham Cricket Club

Cambridgeshire doorsteps in March, for the first time, College, Cambridge on Sunday 12 April and Sunday 26

Any queries please contact R Leach on 260144.

Bin collections

01/04/2009 : Black Bin and Box. 08/04/2009 : Green Bin and Box. 16/04/2009 : Black Bin. (Day late collection)* 22/04/2009 : Green Bin and Box. 29/04/2009 : Black Bin and Box.

Across: 1 Fundamental, 9 Renovated, 10 Pit, 11 Super, 13 Overall, 14 Feeler, 15 Closet, 18 Lumbago, 20 Idler, 21 Eon, 22 Barcelona, 24 Partnership.

Down: 2 Urn, 3 Diverge, 4 Matron, 5 Nudge, 6 Appraisal, 7 Crestfallen, 8 Utilitarian, 12 Pneumonia, 16 Loiters, 17 Course, 19 Ambit, 23 Oui.

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RAISING MONEY FOR WILLINGHAM SCOUT GROUP Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library 0845 0455225



Monday		5 00 - 7 00 pm
Tuesday		2.30 - 7 00 pm
Wednesda	y Closed	
Thursday	10 00 am - 12 30 pm	2 30 pm - 7 00 pm
	10 00 am - 12 30 pm	
Saturday	10 00 am - 12 30 pm	

Library News

The Very Hungry Caterpillar - 8 April, 10 30-11 30 am This year Eric Carle's book will be 40 years old and in celebration we will be having a children's storytime session at the library on 8 April from 10 30 to 11 30. We will be reading the book together and making our own caterpillars and butterflies. Free tickets are available from the library. Parents must accompany children.

The library is also celebrating its 40th birthday this year and there will be events throughout October, including a special 'Engage in the Afternoon', a competition for children, an afternoon tea party, and a display of old photos and ephemera.

Poetry and Prose Evening - 22 April, 7 30 pm

Following the success of last year's event, the Friends of Willingham Library are organising another Poetry and Prose evening at the library. Bring a favourite poem or piece of prose to read aloud or just come to listen and enjoy a glass of wine. Free tickets are available from the library.

Note also that the Friends of Willingham Library will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 1 April at 7 30 pm at the library. All are welcome. Please come along if you would like to join and support your local library.

Engage in the Afternoon

These monthly free social occasions for adults, including a speaker, tea/coffee/biscuits and an opportunity to change books, use computers and have a chat during library closed time, are now well established.

Upcoming meetings (all 2 00 - 3 30 pm):

Wednesday 1 April - Reminiscence session on childhood. Please bring along an object or memory to share with the group. A box of memorabilia will also be available to jog memories

6 May - Armchair exercise session

Wednesday 3 June - Bill Kirkman will be talking about the U3A (University of the Third Age)

Village	Diary
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MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
April				
1	Reminiscence Session on Childhood	Engage in the afternoon	Willingham Library	2 00 -3 30 pm
1	AGM	Friends of Willingham Library	Willingham Library	7 30 pm
3	Coffee Morning	CAMREAD	14 George Street	10 30 - 11 30 am
6	Meeting - Margaret Waddy on 'Growing from seeds, cuttings and grafting'	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
7	Cycling Club meeting		Duke of Wellington	8 00 pm
8	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	The Library Service	Willingham Library	Free tickets from the library 10 30 - 11 30 am
20	Christopher South 'Snap out of it'	Womens Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
22	Poetry and Prose Evening	Friends of Willingham Library	Willingham Library	Free tickets from the library 7 30 pm
May				
4	Club Meeting - Speaker to be announced in next issue	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
6	Armchair exercise session	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2.00 - 3 30 pm
10	Fun Run	Willingham School		Entry forms from school
16	Fun Day for all the family	Willingham Scout Group	Willingham Recreation Ground	12 - 4 00 pm Jacqueline Forbes 202988
23	Annual Plant Sale	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	

Barbeque at Fen Edge Family Festival, 19 – 21 June

As a result of requests from the public after the last family festival, the committee has decided to run a barbeque on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 June to provide a wider range of food. I have offered to organise the barbeque. As you will realise, this could be very popular and I am therefore asking for volunteers to help out.

As we will be handling food on sale to the general public, any helper will be required to have a food handling/hygiene certificate. If you already have a certificate and would be willing to give up a couple of hours over the weekend, please do contact me. You may have a qualification because you are in the WI, work in the school kitchen or already handle food in another public capacity – I would be most grateful for your help.

If you do not have a certificate, you can easily gain one by attending a straightforward one day or evening course. It is a very useful qualification and most village colleges and the Cambridge Regional College run courses. If I can get a certificate, anyone can!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sue Bainbridge Tel: 01954 251202 Email: smbainbridgea@ntlworld.com

The Over Players



The National Operatic and Dramatic Association East Region (NODA) chose The Over Players' production as the Best Pantomime of 2008 in District 4S over twenty other local amateur productions. Representatives from the company

have been invited to attend the NODA East Regional awards day in Colchester on 28th March, where *Sleeping Beauty* is in the running for the Smart Cup for the best production in East Anglia.

Written and directed by Sean Baker and Rod Dundee, *Sleeping Beauty* drew together a talented young cast of actors, singers, dancers and stage crew from Over, Willingham, Swavesey, Longstanton, Fenstanton and Bar Hill. Director Sean Baker said 'the cast should be justly proud of the efforts they put in to make the show the success it was. The award is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the group. However we couldn't do it without an audience and our thanks must also go to all those who supported us by coming to see the show'. If you would like to see the panto picture gallery or find details of our 25th anniversary production *Hello Dolly*, then visit our website www.overplayers.org.uk.

Village Directory

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Council	Parish Council		01954 261027
	Parish Council Chairman	Mr P King	01954 260780
	Planning Committee Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
-	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police		0845 456 456
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
·	CAMDOC –After hours medical help		01223 464242
Schools	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3-6 pm only)	Mrs R Tiley	01954 201567
	Cottenham Village College	-	01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton	01954 202185
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Mrs L Blunt	01954 261309
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
	2nd Brownies	Mrs G Balaam	01954 260126
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	Geoff Bailey Dancers	Mr G Bailey	01954 260233
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles	Kathryn Wright	01954 20334/
	Bumps and Babies Group	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilda Beauchamp	
	Little Notes Music group	Naomi Lockwood	01954 205487
23	Rock Solid (Baptist Church)	Richard Sanders	01954-261248
	Kid's Friday Club (Baptist Church)	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 200708
Halls	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261193
	Wilford Furlong Centre	through I arish council	01954 261027
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261445 0 1954 261076
Local	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	
Representatives	Fen Edge Community Association	Mr G Redhead	01480 413533
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 288944
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs J Hodkinson	01954 260393
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 201816
Clubs	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 260446
	Social Club	Mr J Sibley	01954 201910
	WAMADS Drama Group	Mrs C Atkins (Secretary)	01954 260436
	Willingham Youth Club		01954 261354
	Women's Institute	Mrs Jean Langford	01954 201706
	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs Doreen Young	01954 200561
Sport	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Mrs M Few	0 1954 260124
port	Football Club	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Cricket Club	Mr Alex Howard	01954 260734
	Hockey	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Badminton	Kris Westmore	01954 202082
		Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Step Aerobics	Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
hurches	Bowls Club Mother's Union (Brench Leader)	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01 954 261526
murches	Mother's Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Administrator	Emma Launchbury	01954 263108
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Roman Catholic Priest	Rev Paul Maddison	01480-462192
	Salvation Army	Major M Lewis	01480 386593
	Parish Church	Mrs Gillian Macnaghten	01954 261817

Smartwater

Some of you may have heard about Smartwater, and some of you may not. Cambridgeshire Constabulary would like to let you know about it, and how you can get it.

Smartwater is one of a number of property-marking and registration systems. The idea behind it is that you use a small amount of the liquid to mark items of value in your home. If these were to get stolen, the police would be able to return your property and have better evidence to bring the offender to justice.

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Cambridgeshire Constabulary have gained funding from the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership which we have bought Smartwater kits with. These kits would normally cost over £40, but we are giving them out for free in areas we have identified as vulnerable to the recent increase in burglaries. If you do not fall into one of these areas, you can buy it from the Smartwater website, www.smartwater.com.

If you have any questions about Smartwater, please contact Sergeant Rebecca Williams at Histon Police station.

Police – Reminder

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A criminal is still at the scene or nearby.

In other cases – for example to report an incident - call

0845 456 456 4

This line is open 24 hours a day, for all non-emergency calls

Willingham has a new PCSO (Police Community Support Officer). She is Diana Neill. Do make yourself known to her when you see her in the village.. Her email address is: diana.neill@cambs.pnn.police.uk This is NOT for emergency calls or for calls to report incidents.

Photo Mystery from www.oldwillingham.com



Last month we printed this picture of Rowell & Sons and invited people to identify the location of this building. Many people did in fact know that the shop was located on the North side of Church St. near to the green - and the building (no longer a shop) is almost unchanged today. Special thanks go to four long time residents who sent interesting letters. Mr. Norman Ingle said 'My memories go back to the 1950s when the shop was run by Alec Barker and his wife – a very gentle couple'. He mentions that they both sang in the church choir but Alec died in the early 1960s. 'My great memory of the shop is the aroma of tobacco smoke from Alec's pipe' he writes. Mr Lloyd Tibbett says 'my father bought me my first fishing rod from there in 1933... two joints and the line was tied at the top. Not very satisfactory for a small boy if you hooked a large fish - which happened.' Mrs Cecily Jakes said 'Alec (Barker) was of course always very well dressed and never without a top quality tie.' Several people mentioned that Rowell was a local chain selling a wide range of items. The main shop was in St Ives and Mr John Raven says there is an identical building in Cottenham (now a building society) that was also Rowell's. The date of the picture is uncertain but probably 1930s. The price on the coat by the window: 21/- (shillings) now just £1.05.

THE RETURN OF MERVYN STUTTER Saturday 25 April, Rampton Village Hall, 7 30 pm

By popular demand the comedian Mervyn Stutter returns to Rampton Village Hall with his lovable rambling and satirical songs. All who came along to his show last year had a hilarious evening. This event will sell out so book

your tickets early Tickets £8 (£6 concessions) Licenced bar

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April 2009



Willingham Social Club Fen End, Willingham, Cambs, CB24 5LH

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